

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. A method for inhibiting the decrease of active-oxygen-eliminating activity of at least one member selected from the group consisting of alpha-glucosyl hesperidin and catechin in a beverage containing at least one of alpha glucosyl hesperidin and catechin, comprising ~~adding to a composition comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of alpha-glucosyl hesperidin and catechin~~ trehalose in an amount of at least 20 w/w% trehalose on a dry solid basis disolving trehalose in said beverage.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 which further comprises a step ~~at least one step~~ ~~selected from the group consisting of sterilizing and drying.~~

Claims 3 - 8. (Cancelled)